

Notice of Agency Rule-making Emergency

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: 10-144 CMR Chapter 287, Rules for Family Planning Funding

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER (*leave blank; to be assigned by Secretary of State*):

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule was established to ensure that all State contracts for family planning services include assurances that State contractors are in compliance with federal Title X Program Guidelines for Project Grants for Family Planning Services. Recent changes to the federal Title X Program Guidelines would not permit Maine health care providers who receive Title X funding to discuss all possible health care options with their clients. Pursuant to 5 MRS § 8054, the Department finds that the emergency adoption and repeal of 10-144 CMR, Ch. 287, is necessary to avoid an immediate threat to public health, safety or general welfare. The repeal of this rule ensures continued access to a wider variety of health care services by allowing the State to set its own requirements for program standards through contract negotiations with providers. The Rules for Family Planning Funding do not contain enforcement mechanisms. Nor is there a statutory authority cited in the rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE (*to be filled in by the Secretary of State*): December 4, 2019

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